

WILL BEARD
LION IN DENPresident Castro Announces
That He Will Return

IS SURPRISED AT TUMULT

Thinks That Inasmuch as He Has Proved
Himself a Protector of the People,
They Will Rise Up to Wel-
come Him.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—When President Castro of Venezuela learned to-day of the details of the demonstration against him, he decided to return to Venezuela at once and lead, personally, an attempt to regain the presidency. President Castro said, "I am sure the nation will arise and reinstate their friend and protector. I have always guarded the people's interests and prevented adventures from plundering them."

NEW GOVERNMENT ACTS.
Has Revoked The Decree The Cabinet
Contains Strong Men.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 23.—The new Venezuelan administration has revoked the decree prohibiting the transshipment at Willemstad of goods destined for Venezuelan ports which has been the principal difficulty between Holland and Venezuela. This is regarded by well-informed persons here as meaning practically a settlement of the dispute between the two governments. The composition of the new cabinet is regarded as representative and as holding good promise for successful administration. Munoz Tebar, the minister of finance, is a noted engineer and in 1889 he was a candidate for the presidency. Gen. Regulo Oliveras, the new minister of war, is regarded as one of the best military men in Venezuela today. Senor Maldonado, the new minister of public instruction, is an author of considerable note and has gained a high reputation as an oculist. Linarez Alcantara, the minister of the interior, was for many years president of the state of Aragua. He is considered as a likely candidate for the presidency. Rafael Carabano, the minister of development (fomento), is a young military leader of much promise. Gonzales Guinaud, the new minister of foreign affairs, was prominent in affairs of state during the epoch of Juan Blanco and he enjoys great influence throughout the entire republic. The minister of public works, Roberto Vargas, is a general of note, a brave fighter and a man considered to have a brilliant future.

It is generally admitted that the new cabinet is a strong one and especially well qualified to handle any possible contingencies.

Acting President Gomez has given orders that all the political prisoners in Venezuela be set at liberty.

SUPPORTING HOLLAND.

Moral Influence of The Powers in Venezuelan Affairs.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—A yellow book, which has just been issued on Venezuelan affairs, states that all the powers with which the Netherlands government has been in communication, without exception, have notified the government of their agreement with the use of action. The Dutch government has not asked for any active assistance, being convinced of its own ability to bring about a settlement of the difficulty with Venezuela, but will rely entirely upon its own forces. Nevertheless it has received the moral support of all the powers, particularly the United States which made the declaration of support, saying that it was not opposed to armed action on the part of the Netherlands, nor even the temporary occupation of Venezuelan territory.

The yellow book states that notwithstanding the acute character of the present situation the Dutch government still is ready to enter upon serious negotiations, provided Venezuela concedes what Holland regards as indispensable, the withdrawal of the decree of May 14. Further, the yellow book declares that arbitration would have meant the acceptance of the state of affairs created by President Castro and the prolongation of the sufferings of the people of Curacao, while previous experiences with Venezuela gave ground for the belief that arbitration would have but a problematic advantage so far as the Netherlands was concerned.

The Attempted Assassination.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 23.—An attempt to assassinate acting President Gomez and several of the ministers was decided on Friday night, December 18. Gomez heard of the plot that same night and the next morning took the personal stand that nipped it in the bud.

The men concerned in the conspiracy were President Castro's closest friends and best known adherents. Secret cipher cables have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstration of December 13 and 14. A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high federal court charging President Castro with complicity in the plot to assassinate and proposing his impeachment.

Stone Church Burned.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Harlem Park Methodist Episcopal church, a handsome stone structure, was burned last night at a loss of over \$50,000.

FIRE IN BIG THEATRE,
CROWD ESCAPES

There Was No Confusion at The Herald Square in New York Because
Audience Didn't Know of Fire
Until After They Got Out.

New York, Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square theatre at 25th street and Broadway last night ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins" and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building driving the actors and audience into the streets in their scant costumes and caused great commotion among the theatre crowds on Broadway. There was no panic and no one was injured the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the executive offices which were opposite the second gallery of the auditorium. It was just ten minutes before the time for the performance to end when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theatre attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors and told them to cut the play short. This was quickly done and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

The big crowd shuffled slowly out, not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them had reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for their wraps to be taken from the coat room. As the flames continued to gain headway, the theatre employees urged the tardy ones to hurry out as there was a fire in the theatre. Some of them left without waiting for their wraps and hurried out into the falling snow in the evening clothes.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorus and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving thought to their scant and unconventional attire. With the temperature hovering around the twenties and three, the wind driving the falling snow into their faces, the chorus girls beat a hasty retreat for cover at the Marlborough hotel a block further up Broadway, where they were comfortable.

It was pay day for the chorus girls of whom there are some 50 or 60 in the play and the building made a rapid run for the dressing rooms to secure their money. Two of the girls became hysterical and had to be carried to the Sturtevant house by other members of the company. Some of them calmly removed their stage costumes and donned their street clothes; but many of them left the building precipitately, and preferring to brave the storm outside rather than to risk the fire inside.

Some time after the fire was practically out, the theatre gallery fell and a moment later 35 feet of the roof on Broadway end of the building came down. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Lee Schuber and Lew Fields are the lessees of the theatre.

THIEVES DESECRATE
DANISH ROYAL TOMB

The Entire Kingdom is Stirred By The Bold Work of Robbers Who Looted Cathedral of \$1,000 in Funeral Wreaths Last Night.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—Vandals broke into the Roskilde cathedral last night and opened the tombs of several Danish sovereigns, escaping with \$1,000 in gold and silver funeral wreaths and a quantity of other valuables. Every person in the Danish kingdom has constituted himself a detective to apprehend the thieves.

TRAIN WRECK AT CHICAGO.

Many Employees Barely Escaped With Their Lives.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A small coach loaded with Christmas presents was burned, five mail clerks barely escaped with their lives while one was injured in jumping to safety and an engine was derailed and overturned when a south-bound Baltimore & Ohio railroad freight train crashed into a west-bound Chicago & Alton passenger train in the west side of Chicago last night.

As soon as the trains struck a gas tank in the mail coach exploded and set fire to it and the piles of Christmas mail.

Many passengers were badly shaken up by being thrown against seats. T. Pyle of Wilmington, Ill., a mail clerk, was the only person injured.

THREW ACID AT MAYOR.

Insane Woman Destroyed One of His Eyes—Was His Patient.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 23.—Dr. Charles E. Smith, mayor of this city, lost the sight of one eye and was partially blinded in the other yesterday when one of his women patients visited his office and threw carbolic acid over his face and head according to the story told by Dr. Smith, his wife and Miss Albertina Shorne, the doctor's stenographer.

CHILD SLAYER EXECUTED.

G. Ricci Paid Penalty in Electric Chair at Trenton, N. J.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Giacinto Ricci was electrocuted at the New Jersey state prison last night a few minutes before eleven o'clock. The much talked of test to resuscitate the electrocuted man was not attempted. Ricci was convicted of murdering a three-year-old girl.

A FATAL FIGHT.

Three Men Are Dead and Another Is Dying in Georgia.

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 23.—Owen Smith, son of Chief of Police Smith, Charles Moore and his brother, Virgil Moore, are dead and Policeman Conn Walters lies dying as a result of a four cornered pistol duel fought here last night.

LABOR MEN
SENTENCEDGompers a Year, Mitchell
Nine Months, Morrison Six

DECISION GIVEN TO-DAY

Severe Arraignment of the Labor Leaders Made by Justice Wright in District of Columbia Supreme Court—Cause of Trial.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Justice Wright of the supreme court of the district of Columbia to-day decided that President Gompers and other officials of the American Federation of Labor flagrantly violated the injunction which Justice Gould granted in the case of the Buck Stove and Range company against the officials. Gompers was sentenced to a year in jail, John Mitchell to nine months and Frank Morrison to six months in confinement.

Justice Wright rendered a long opinion in which he characterized the various utterances of the defendants with respect to the court as "utter, rampant, insolent defiance, unrefined insult, coarse affront and vulgarity."

The case grew out of the publication in the American Federationist of the "unfair list." The name of the Buck Stove and Range company of St. Louis, against which the union had a grievance was one. Counsel for the company secured an injunction against Gompers and the others to prevent further reference to it. Though the company's name was taken from the "unfair list," President Gompers made repeated reference to the case afterwards in magazines and public speeches.

The case is likely to go to the supreme court of the United States on an appeal, although President Gompers had publicly stated that he should go to jail if he should be sentenced. The case has attracted a great deal of attention because of the prominence of the parties in the labor world and because it was so hard fought in the court.

STANDARD OIL OUSTED
FROM STATE OF MISSOURI

Also The Indiana Republic Oil Company—Those Two and The Pierce Walters Company Fined.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The supreme court of Missouri handed down a decision today ousting the Standard Oil company from the state and forbidding them to do business ever again. It also dissolves the Walters-Pierce Oil company and in addition each of the three companies is fined \$50,000.

HENRY IN WASHINGTON.

Graft Hunter to Call on The President Today.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Francis J. Henry of San Francisco, the noted prosecutor of the alleged "graft" cases, who was shot about a month ago, and who was confined in the hospital, reached Washington last night accompanied by Mrs. Henry. Mr. Henry will call upon the president at the White House.

FARRELL SENT TO JAIL.

Member of Parliament and Editor Would Not Promise to Behave.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott, of certain individuals in the Longford County, which he is editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior and yesterday was sentenced in the Kings bench division to six months in jail.

BANK TREASURER
SUICIDES WITH GAS

Frank W. Cutting of Worcester, Mass., Found Dead Today—His Books Are Said to Be Correct.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23.—Frank W. Cutting, 30 years, treasurer of the Mechanics Savings Bank, suicided this morning by inhaling gas. He left statements to Presidents A. B. Sprague and wife. The bank states his books are correct.

BEATEN SEVERELY.

Syracuse Insurance Superintendent in Bad Shape.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 23.—David Boyd, superintendent in this city for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, was terribly beaten in the street last night while on his way to a Masonic meeting. A man jumped out from a vacant lot and repeatedly slashed his head and face with a black snake whip. His condition is serious.

After the incident J. Frank Baumgardner, an employing printer, was arrested. Two years ago Mr. Boyd was called upon to settle an insurance claim on the life of Mr. Baumgardner's sister and asked the brother if his sister was wayward. It is believed that this was the motive for the attack.

HEAVY BAIL DEMANDED

In Case of Two Pittsburgh Bankers in City Government Scandal.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 23.—Bankers Ramsey and Viseack, charged with bribery in connection with the city scandals, were held to-day in \$15,000 bail.

FUNERAL ON TUESDAY.

Body of Bishop Michael to Be Brought to Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 23.—The news of the death of Bishop J. S. Michael was received by telephone at the Episcopal residence yesterday morning at 6:40 o'clock, twenty minutes after the prelate breathed his last. The Rev. P. J. Barrett, rector of St. Mary's cathedral, left on the noon train for New York to make arrangements to bring the body to Burlington.

Upon arrival here, the remains will lie in state in the parlor of the episcopal residence. The funeral will be held from the cathedral next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock with solemn high mass of requiem. In accordance with the expressed wish of Bishop Michael, the celebrant of the mass will be the Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Bacon, bishop of the diocese of Springfield, Mass., a life-long friend of Bishop Michael, and the preacher of the sermon on the occasion of the late ecclesiastic's consecration as bishop. The eulogy will be delivered by the Rev. A. J. Barron of Bennington, rector of the parish from which Bishop Michael was called when he was elevated to the bishopric. The interment will be in the cemetery of the cathedral, where rest the remains of Rt. Rev. Louis De Gohardian, first bishop of Burlington.

A high mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the late bishop was celebrated in the chapel of the Faunty Allen hospital this morning at eight o'clock. The celebrant was the Rev. James P. Hand of Winoski.

Bishop Michael had charge of all the property of the Catholic church in Vermont, comprising 86 churches, schools and hospital buildings, included in 56 parishes, with a membership of 70,000 souls. One of his first acts was the incorporation of the diocese, an act which constituted a corporate body with power to legally hold and administer all Catholic church property within the state. Among the churches built under the direction and supervision of Bishop Michael are those of St. Catherine's at Shelburne, St. Anthony's in this city, and of the Holy Family at Essex Junction, where a parish house was also purchased. Churches were also built at St. Johnsbury, Barton, Richford, Poultney, Rutland, Middlebury and Montpelier. He also completed the cathedral in this city, raising the tower to a height of 165 feet, at the top of which was placed a beautiful statue of the Immaculate Conception in bronze, of heroic dimensions. He also built a mortuary chapel, behind the altar of which rest the remains of the late Bishop De Gohardian, and crypt for the altar of the sacred relic of the chains of St. Peter. He also completed the plans for the construction of a hospital in this city on the site of the old St. Joseph's college, which was razed to the ground. Throughout his episcopal career, Bishop Michael was a tireless worker, and scores of churches, schools and charitable institutions which had their inception in him, or in a large degree owe their founding and firm establishment to his efforts, stand as monuments to his zealous interest in the cause of religion and his sincere love for the Christian education and suffering humanity.

DIVORCE WANTED.

Mrs. Florence Wood Seaman Asks For Separation From Her Husband.

Burlington, Dec. 23.—The confirmation of a rumored domestic infidelity between Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seaman, the latter still a prominent local musician and the former well remembered in Burlington musical circles, came yesterday with the filing in Chittenden county court by Mrs. Seaman of a petition for divorce.

The petitioner, Florence Wood Seaman, daughter of Ferdinand Wood, a former Burlington musician, now a resident of Boston, sets forth that she was married to Mr. Seaman in Boston April 25, 1906, living with him for a time in that city and later in Burlington. The petition continues that Mr. Seaman has treated his wife with intolerable severity and that although he is of sufficient pecuniary and physical ability to provide suitable maintenance for her, he grossly, wantonly and cruelly refused and neglected to do so. The petitioner avers that she has reason to think that Mr. Seaman is in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and petition asks that service be made by publication. Mrs. Seaman asks for leave to resume her maiden name.

COMMITTED SUICIDE
IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

Frederick A. Burnham, Former President of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company.

New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, committed suicide this morning by inhaling illuminating gas in his apartment at 66 East 58th street in this city. Mr. Burnham was under indictment in connection with the life insurance scandal.

GOT HIS MONEY BACK.

One Witness in The King Trial Was Comparatively Lucky.

Boston, Dec. 23.—In the C. F. King trial yesterday Robert L. Carver of Nahant, who testified yesterday that he gave King \$1,000 for the purchase of stocks, said that while he never received any stock he had made a settlement taking a 60 day note and a certified check for \$515.75. The note was not paid at expiration and Carver took it to King's office three weeks ago and received a certified check for \$500.

JUDGES ON A STRIKE.

Refused to Do Double Duty as Judge and Stenographer.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The judges and stenographers of the supreme court of Nova Scotia are on strike. The court reporters have, as a protest against the smallness of their pay, refused to take notes, and yesterday Judge Russell declared that he was not going to be both judge and stenographer and joined the ranks of the strikers.

HAD AMASSED
A FORTUNELevi J. Bolster Died Last
Night at Age of 72

WEALTHIEST MAN IN CITY

Had Been Citizen of the Place for Nearly Half a Century—Started Life as a Farmer Boy and by Energy Advanced Rapidly.

Levi J. Bolster, one of Barre's best known citizens and its wealthiest, passed away at 10 o'clock last night at his home on North Main street, following an illness with cancer of the stomach, with which he had been troubled for many months, although he had been confined to the bed for less than three weeks. His rugged constitution, coupled with a life of good habits, had enabled him to withstand the ravages of the disease far longer than many men could have resisted it. The first serious indications of the presence of the malady came last October, when he was at his farm property in Waterbury, and since that time there had been a steady decline in health.

Mr. Bolster's career in the business world was somewhat remarkable and furnishes proof that a man of energy and perseverance can amass a fortune without going outside the confines of Vermont. He started in as a farmer boy on the southern part of the state and by assiduous attention to business went from business success to business success until he had accumulated a great deal of property, owning in Barre alone no less than a hundred tenements, several business structures, many granite plants, a large farm and miscellaneous odds and ends of property, to say nothing of wood lots and other real estate in more remote sections. Almost up to the last week of his life, he was actively engaged in constructing buildings and improving property already built. He was a keen judge of a business opportunity and rarely made mistakes. In his work he received the hearty support of his wife, and, in fact, he used to give her part credit for his business success.

Mr. Bolster was born in Waltham, the son of Chapin and Rebecca Bolster, on August 19, 1836, and his early years were spent in that little Vermont town. Later he went to Danvers and subsequently to Brattleboro, following the occupation of a farmer's helper until, having gone to the last named place, he branched out into business, traveling throughout Vermont and retailing sewing silk. In this line he laid the foundation for his fortune, having amassed what was considered a competence in those days when, in 1880, he came to Barre to make his home.

For some time after residing here he continued in the same line of business, although he soon entered the wholesale end of the trade and at the same time picking the business openings as they developed in a community which was receiving the impetus of its granite development. Mr. Bolster retired from the silk business many years ago, having latterly devoted himself to real estate, farming, conducting granite plants, and, incidentally, dealing in wood on a large scale.

In the last years of his life his particular pride was the development of his farm of upwards of 300 acres on Barre Town hill. He had laid out many thousands of dollars in buildings and roads, and had one of the most up-to-date farms in Vermont. To show his desire to improve the place, he last summer constructed at a cost of \$2,500 an entire road from the farmhouse to the East Barre main road, making a model thoroughfare and cutting off a long stretch of roundabout travel to reach this city. He had a large force of men at work there all the year around, besides a long payroll in wood cutting, the granite polishing business and miscellaneous undertakings. It would be difficult to determine the number of men in his employ as it would be to state the exact amount of his wealth.

Mr. Bolster had never gone much into public life although he had held office, having been a bailiff in the old town and being a director in the People's National Bank. He never sought office and what came to him was entirely unsolicited. He lived quietly at the residence, 253 North Main street, which had been his home ever since his marriage and which had been Mrs. Bolster's homestead for many years prior to that time. Mrs. Bolster's father, Joel Bolster, who was one of the leading citizens of the place, built the house which now stands there, the residence being compassed by business structures now.

He was married to Calista E. Bolster on February 27, 1861, the year following his coming to Barre, and she survives him. One sister, Mrs. Mary Almira Richardson of Bellows Falls, also survives him, out of a family of fifteen brothers and sisters. Mrs. Richardson is now at the family residence, having been called by the illness of her brother. He also has many nephews and nieces in the southern part of the state.

Mr. Bolster has been for so many years such a familiar figure on the streets and such a forceful personality in the business life of the community that he will be greatly missed. Those who know him best testify to his rugged honesty and also to his demand for the same quality in the people with whom he had dealings. He was not a member of any religious denomination, although he contributed to church support. He did not go in for lodge or fraternal life, having been connected with only one organization of that sort, that being the Knights of Honor; but he had withdrawn from that several years ago. He was somewhat reserved in nature, preferring his home life.

The funeral arrangements were completed to-day. There will be a service at his late residence on North Main street, Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with the Rev. J. Edward Wright officiating.

of Montpelier, pastor of the Unitarian church, officiating. The interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

FUNERAL OF JOHN DAWSON.

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon from Home of His Father.

The funeral services of John W. Dawson were held at the residence of his father, David Dawson, 3 Hill street, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Francis A. Poole delivered the funeral address and two selections were given by the mixed quartette from the Presbyterian choir.

Delegations were present from Hiawatha lodge of Odd Fellows and from Barre Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles. The bearers were two brothers-in-law, Leslie Low of Peekskill, N. Y., and William Black of this city; David McDonald and John Emslie from Barre Aerie of Eagles; Henry Powers and Alvah Little from Hiawatha lodge of Odd Fellows.

Interment was made in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery, the Eagles' burial service being used at the grave. The death of Mr. Dawson, which occurred at Peekskill, N. Y., last Friday night, was very sudden and entirely unexpected. He was making arrangements to come to this city to visit his father and other relatives and had his arrangements completed and was walking to the home of his sister, Mrs. Low, when he was stricken with a hemorrhage. Although he lost considerable blood, he got to the home of his sister, where he expired before medical aid could reach him.

The Peekskill Union says of Mr. Dawson: "John Dawson was well and favorably known, and his death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends. He was a member of Peekskill Aerie, No. 864, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Cryptic lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., and an ardent encampment, I. O. O. F., Columbian hose company No. 1, and of the Painters' and Decorators' union."

Services were held in Peekskill Saturday night and the remains were shipped to Barre on the same train which he had intended taking to visit his father.

The floral tributes at the funeral included a wreath of roses and carnations from the family, pillow from the Hiawatha hose company, wreath of roses and carnations from Mrs. Emslie, chrysanthemums from Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Roscoe Ayers. The above were with the exception of the wreath from the family, from Peekskill. Other tributes were, carnations from Mrs. Tom Kesson, Mrs. John Smith, and Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maclean, Miss Nellie Carrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kesson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. James Black and daughter.

STRUCK BY TRAIN,
ONE MAN INJURED

Team Being Driven Across Central Vermont Tracks at Berlin Street Was Struck By Train Which Was Backing Out.

A team driven by John Colombo and Enrico Calagani was struck by a Williamstown train on the Central Vermont railroad at the Berlin street crossing about 5 o'clock last night. The sleigh was smashed into kindling wood and that the two men were not killed was due to the fact that when the train struck the sleigh the occupants were thrown clear of the tracks into the snow. Calagani, however, received a slight concussion of the brain from a blow on the top of his head and was bruised about the body. He was picked up by Officer George Carle and another man who was attracted to the scene and carried to his home which is nearby on Cambria street.

Dr. E. Ghidella was called to attend him and found no bones had been broken but that he was severely bruised, and it is feared that internal injuries may develop from a blow in his abdomen. Colombo escaped with only a few slight scratches. The horse was unhurt and ran home with the shafts—all that was left of the sleigh—dangling at its sides.

The train was backing out for Williamstown shortly before six o'clock, over an hour late, and the two men claim that they did not see the train until it struck them. They said that a box car on a side track between them and the main track prevented them from seeing the train coming.

HUMPHREY—JORDAN.

Wedding at Home of the Groom in Barre Last Night.

The marriage of Miss Georgie L. Jordan of Natchez, Miss., to George A. Humphrey, an attorney located at Worcester, Mass., occurred last evening at the home of the groom's father, George Humphrey of Wendell place, this city. The Rev. F. A. Poole was the officiating clergyman, and the bride was attended by three little nieces of the groom, Lillian Napier, Margaret and Katherine McLeay of this city. The ceremony was witnessed by only the relatives. The bride was dressed in a directing gown and wore a chime. After a short stay in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey will go to Worcester to reside, the groom being now engaged in the practice of law in that city.

GETS SENTENCE OF YEAR.

"Cubby" Mitchell of Burlington Sold Rum Wrongfully.

Burlington, Dec. 23.—Jacob Mitchell, commonly called "Cubby," was before Justice G. W. Wetherill yesterday, charged with keeping liquor on hand with intent to sell. Cubby went into seclusion Saturday night following the seizure of a barrel of bottled beer from Charles Bettis, Jr.'s place on King street. Bettis stored the goods for Mitchell. Mitchell was arrested by the police on Monday night after he had escaped from an upper story window on "Convent square." Mitchell pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail.

BLINDED BY SNOW.

Autoist Drove Machine Into Truck and Man Was Killed.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—In a blinding snow storm at Nutley last night an automobile containing four young men, smashed into the rear of a truck and turned turtle. Dayton Meeker of Irvington was killed. The others in the machine were not seriously injured.

CITY CALLS
BILL UNFAIRBarre's Administration Makes
Formal Protest

AGAINST AUTO TAX BILL

Resolution Adopted at Regular Meeting Last Night—Street Supt. Fred Bruce Given a Leave of Absence.

The board of aldermen held a short session at their regular meeting last evening and at the close Mayor Robins called a special meeting of the city council, at which several important matters were brought up. All of the aldermen were present except Alderman Campbell. At the meeting of the aldermen the building inspector made two reports, one on the application of Thomas Burke for a permit to remodel the roof of his house at 16 Short street, and the permit was ordered granted. The second was on an application of A. Tomasi for a permit to remodel the barn in the rear of his block on Merchant street into a tenement.

The inspector recommended that a permit be not granted Mr. Tomasi for the kind of a job he wanted to make of it. He said that Mr. Tomasi wanted to raise up the roof of the barn and use it for the roof of the tenement. As the roof was not of the same pitch as the house, with which it was connected, it would make a bad looking mess. And furthermore he thought that the roof should be covered with fireproof material. The matter was referred to the fire committee and the building inspector to investigate and report. Charles Frattini made application for a lunch room license in his store on River street. On motion of Alderman Ladd this was referred to the license committee to investigate and report.

Meeting of Council.

The board then adjourned and the council was called together. The first thing taken up was a resolution in which the council registered its protest against the passage of House bill number 431, now before the state legislature, which relates to the taxing of automobiles and motor vehicles according to their horse power, and the tax to be turned over to the state. The resolution was to the effect that the city could see no justice or fairness in the taxing of automobiles according to their horse power, and, furthermore, that it was an injustice to the city of Barre, where the tax rate is higher than the average rate in the state, to take this source of income out of the city's grand list. The resolution provided that a copy of it be sent to the legislature to be used against the passage of the bill. On motion of Alderman Thurston, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Supt. Bruce Gets Leave of Absence.

City Clerk Mackay stated to the council that Street Superintendent Fred Bruce was making preparations to go to the state sanatorium at Pittsford for his health and hoped that in a few months he would be able again to get up his work, and as the chances were good that he would get help there, he did not wish to resign his office as street superintendent, but wished the council to grant him a leave of absence of a few months. Alderman Ladd said that there was not a better time of the year to grant the superintendent a leave of absence than now, as there was little to be seen to in the department but plowing out the streets from snow, and he made a motion which was voted that Mr. Bruce be given a leave of absence of two months without pay.

Clerk Mackay also brought to the attention of the council a proposition for a change in the lights of the city buildings that might mean a saving of half the present expense to the city in its contract with the electric company for lighting the buildings. He said that the electric company was advertising the "Tungsten" lights to give twice the light of a 16-candle power light, and would use but one-half the amount of electricity. If the statements in regard to this new light were true, he thought that it would be a good thing for the city to put them in and the electric company to back up its claims, for the light should cut down one-half its present contract price of over \$1,000 a year.

Alderman Hoyt and Alexander stated that they were using the new light in their houses and they gave an excellent light, but they had not used them long enough to tell if they were savers of the current. On motion of Alderman Ladd, the matter was referred to the lighting committee to make an investigation as to what could be done and report.

Alderman Hoyt inquired when the contract with the electric company for lighting the streets and buildings expires and was informed by the clerk that the contract expires on November 1st, 1909. The aldermen then said that the local manager for the gas company had spoken to him in regard to the lighting contracts and said that the gas company was now in condition to put in a bid for the lighting of the city and that they could do it at about one-half the price paid for electricity and have the street lights burn all night.

FIRE IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Does Not Do So Much Damage as Does Water to Quench It.

Richford, Dec. 23.—A fire